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SUBJ: REACTION TO UNDER SECRETARY SISCO ON "MEET THE PRESS"

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1. ALL ISRAELI PRESS FEBRUARY 24 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO WIRE SERVICE SUMMARY OF MIDDLE EAST SECTION OF UNDER-SECRETARY'S REMARKS.

2. ANALYSIS WAS LIMITED, DUE IN LARGE PART TO PREOCCUPATION WITH PRESENTATION OF BUDGET TO KNESSET ON SAME DAY. HARDLINE YEDIOT AHARONOT EDITORIAL NOTED: "NOW WE KNOW: ROGERS HIMSELF HAS SAID THAT WHAT KISSINGER IS DOING IS TO TRY AND IMPLEMENT THE ROGERS PLAN. ANOTHER INDICATION OF THIS IS SISCO'S TALK YESTERDAY ABOUT LEAVING THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT WHILE ROGERS PRESENTED HIS PLAN OPENLY, KISSINGER WRAPS IT UP IN A CLOUD OF FOG-- WHICH IS WHY HE IS MORE SUCCESSFUL: ROGERS WAS REJECTED, KISSINGER IS WELCOMED. THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHEN THE WHOLE SWINDLE WILL EXPLODE."

3. NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY'S HATZOFE MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATION: "MR SISCO'S CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM, WHICH IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREDICATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT

NOW SPURN WAR, DESERVES A WORD OF CAUTION: THOUGH HIS
ASSESSMENT THAT EGYPT IS NOT INTERESTED IN ACHIEVING
ITS AIMS BY VIOLENCE IS SHARED BY MANY IN ISRAEL,
ONE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SURPRISE OF THE OCTOBER WAR.
THE ABUNDANCE OF ARMS SUPPLIES TO SYRIA AND EGYPT
DOES NOT TESTIFY TO DETERMINATION TO RESORT EXCLUSIVELY
TO DIPLOMACY."

4. THERE WAS NO OTHER COMMENTARY.
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